

Reasonable Candidacy Documentation Form

INSTRUCTIONS & GUIDELINES

- ❖ Only LDSS employees are authorized to make the determination of reasonable candidacy for foster care.
- ❖ A copy of this form is to be maintained in the child's service record.
- ❖ The LDSS service workers must comply with all applicable Foster Care Prevention/Stabilization, Child Protective Services, and/or Comprehensive Service Act requirements.
- ❖ A child is a reasonable candidate when he/she is documented as a serious risk of removal from the home as evidenced by the local agency service worker either pursuing his/her removal from the home, or making reasonable efforts to prevent such removal.

PART A – CLIENT INFORMATION

LDSS:

SERVICE WORKER'S NAME:

WORKER IDENTIFICATION #:

CHILD'S NAME:

CASE #:

DATE OF BIRTH: _____ – (Check one of the following)

- ☐ Under the age of 18
- ☐ Age 18 or older – **Not a Reasonable Candidate**

WHERE IS THE CHILD LIVING? – (Check one of the following)

- ☐ In his/her home
- ☐ Outside of the home: foster care setting/detention/forestry camp/psychiatric hospital – **Not a Reasonable Candidate**

PART B – REASONABLE CANDIDACY DOCUMENTATION METHOD

CIRCLE ONE: Initial Determination or Redetermination

Check one of the appropriate methods to document a child's reasonable candidacy status:

- ☐ A case plan which clearly indicates:
(all of the requirements below must be verified and all boxes must be checked to properly document a child as a reasonable candidate)
- ☐ that absent effective preventive services, foster care placement is the planned arrangement of the child; and
- ☐ that the plan was developed jointly with the child, and the parents or guardians when appropriate; and
- ☐ a description of the services offered and/or provided to prevent the removal of the child from the home; and
- ☐ the case is actively being managed to maintain the child in the home and/or prevent placement into foster care

Or,

- ☐ Evidence of court proceedings in relation to the removal of the child from his/her home, in the form of a petition, a court order, or transcript of the court proceedings and a copy is maintained in the child's service record.

SERVICE WORKER'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE:

DATE:

A redetermination is due within six months of this date.